(b) if so, whether any food processing industry has been set up there in the public sector;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Nagpur which is one of the major orange producing areas, has great potential for food processing industry.

(b) to (d) Two Public Sector food processing units under Maharashtra Agro Industries Development Corporation exist in Nagpur. This Ministry has been implementing various Plan Schemes for promotion and development of food processing industries and to attract investment in food processing sector in order to give boost to agro- food processing. Under the Scheme for Technology Upgradation/Modernisation/Establishment of food processing industries, Ministry of Food Processing Industries extends financial assistance to food processing units in the form of grant-in-aid @ 25% of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works subject to maximum of Rs. 50.00 lakhs in general areas and 33.33% subject to maximum of Rs. 75.00 lakhs in difficult areas such as Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttrakhand, Sikkim and North Eastern States, A and N Islands, Lakshadweep and ITDP Areas. Food processing units using Orange as raw material are eligible for assistance under the Scheme.

Capacity of food processing and cold storages

749. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme to enhance the capacity of food processing and cold storages in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total extent of loss suffered due to poor storage facilities during the last three years;

(d) the total amount allocated to improve the storage facilities during that period, State-wise; and

(e) the extent of increase registered in the capacity of cold storages by each State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (e) Ministry of food Processing Industries has been providing financial assistance in the form of grant-in-aid for Technology Upgradation/Establishment/Modernization of food processing industries upto 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works subject to a maximum of Rs. 50 lakhs in general areas and up to 33.33% in difficult areas subject to a maximum of Rs. 75 lakhs to various implementing agencies for the overall development of Food Processing sector.

Under the Cold Chain component of Tenth Plan Scheme, assistance upto 25% of the cost of plant & machinery and technical civil works in general areas and 33.33% in difficult areas with a common ceiling of Rs. 75 lakhs was admissible to all implementing agencies. The assistance under the scheme was limited to cold storages for non-horticulture produces, special type of cold storages with controlled/ modified atmosphere technology, cold storages as integral part of processing units or as a common facility in food parks. Besides, other agencies of Government of India like National Horticulture Board (NHB), Agricultural and Processed Food Products Exports Developments Authority (APEDA), National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) and State Government also provide assistance under their respective schemes.

According to the report of M/s Rabo India, Finance Pvt. Ltd., wastage of agricultural food items is estimated to be about Rs. 58,000 crores annually occurring at various stages of handling after harvesting due to fragmented farming, provisions in Agricultural Produce Marketing (Development & Regulation) Act, lack of adequate post-harvest infrastructure such as lack of cold chain facilities, transportation, proper storage facilities, etc.

The budget allocation utilized by the Ministry on infrastructure development including Cold Storages during 2004-2005, 2005-2006 and 2006-2007 was Rs. 11.82 Crore, Rs. 15.65 crore and Rs. 13.21 crore respectively. The scheme is not state specific but project specific.

As per data maintained by Directorate of Marketing & Inspection (DMI), Ministry of Agriculture, the capacity of cold storages have increased from 195.52 Lakh MT (as on 31.12.2004) to 216.94 Lakh MT(as on 31.12.2006). State-wise details are given in the Statement.

Statement

Distribution of cold storages

SL No.	State/UT	As on 31 .12.2004		As on 31 .12.2006	
		Total No	Total Capacity in MTs	Total No	Total Capacity in MTs
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	Andaman & Nicobar Islands (UT)	02	210	02	210
2.	Andhra Pradesh	257	662867	276	820808
3.	Arunachal Pradesh	01	5000	01	5000
4.	Assam	24	75916	23	70916
5.	Bihar	238	910582	238	910582

1	2	3	4	5	6
6.	Chandigarh (UT)	06	12216	06	12216
7.	Chhattisgarh	68	361044	55	266022
8.	Delhi	92	126061	93	126091
9.	Gujarat	351	874863	374	973768
10.	Goa	24	5875	28	7105
11.	Haryana	237	380093	243	392121
12.	Himachal Pradesh	17	18375	17	18375
13.	Jammu & Kashmir	19	42869	19	42869
14.	Jharkhand	25	80625	25	80625
15.	Kerala	161	35755	177	47298
16.	Karnataka	123	149250	138	253168
17.	Lakshadweep (UT)	01	15	01	15
18.	Maharashtra	425	447960	437	510854
19.	Madhya Pradesh	167	732712	179	762802
20.	Manipur	00	00	00	00
21.	Meghalaya	03	3200	03	3200
22.	Mizoram	00	00	00	00
23.	Nagaland	02	6150	02	6150
24.	Orissa	104	274175	90	216420
25.	Pondicherry (UT)	03	85	03	85
26.	Punjab	382	1231685	420	1337517
27.	Rajasthan	93	272622	106	312130
28.	Sikkim	00	00	00	00
29.	Tamil Nadu	119	161899	136	227229
30.	Tripura	08	18450	08	18450
31.	U.P. & Uttaranchal	1410	8258813	1567	.8931918
32.	West Bengal	386	4402977	434	5340042
	TOTAL:	4748	19552344	5101	21693986